

INVESTORS WARNED OF RADICAL CHANGE

Told in Confidential Circular That People are Out After Them.

"Confidential information" that the radicals are going to get them if they don't watch out, is sent out by the Babson reports, designed solely for the eyes of subscribers and which purport to tell the truth without coloring for the benefit of the big capitalists and the members of the commercial classes.

"What shall we do with the radicals?" asks Babson. "Under various names the radical movement advances. Somebody ought to tell the truth about it. The war in all countries has pushed this movement ahead. The United States has seen less of it than any of the warring countries, but in all lands the movement is immensely stronger than it was three months ago."

Russia "Horrible Example."
Like all alarmists of this type, Babson then points to Russia as an example of what has happened to a country in which radicalism ran riot. He sees no difference between Kerensky and Trotzky so far as the capitalists are concerned.

"The main difference between us Americans and our European friends," says the author of the circular, "is that they see and appreciate the menace while comparatively few of us appreciate it." He declares farther that last September the world's financiers met at Berne to bring about world peace. The reason they did so was their fear of the growth of this radical movement if the war went on.

Financiers in Fear.
"Fear pulls at the nerves of the world's biggest financiers and leaders," declares Babson. "What about the United States? Two things can save it."

He then proceeds to tell what the two things are. One of them is the large stolid middle class that may not allow the radicals to do these terrible things to big financiers. The other is the development of as large a class as possible of property owners.

Mr. Babson might have recommended the program of the Nonpartisan league as a possible third solution, but that probably would have got him in bad with his subscribers.

The National Nonpartisan league is a radical movement, but it has an evolutionary rather than a revolutionary program. The Nonpartisan league will cut down the waste in the transmission of goods from producer to consumer which now appears in the form of swollen profits. By putting this service on a cost basis the "large, dumb, stolid middle class" and the terrible radicals may reconsider their determination to overrun things, but they will make the profiteers disgorge their robber gains.

Farmers Realize Wrongs.
There is no danger that the big financiers will wake up, as requested by Mr. Babson, but the farmers are waking up, and they propose to restore the government of this country to the common people. The next issue of the confidential circular might break the news to the bankers.

CITY LEAGUE FOR FARMERS

Thief River Falls Citizens Organize to Help Non-partisans Carry Out Their Program.

Declaring that the farmer and the laborer have nothing in common with the capitalist and exploiter, citizens of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, have formed a voters' league to work in harmony with the Nonpartisan league in electing officials that will legislate for state ownership and operation of the larger industries.

Thief River Falls is the city which recently entertained Mr. Townley in the Commercial club rooms, after he addressed a patriotic meeting which contributed \$185.50 to the Red Cross.

Moving West.
Westward the seat of power takes its way. It is shifting from Wall street to Chicago, the home of the packers, but it will soon move again. Farmers of the west are reaching after the prize through organization.

Farmers Have One Voice.
The farmers have one voice in congress on which they can depend. That voice belongs to J. M. Baer, the big, able representative of the National Non-partisan league.

Where is it Going?
In ten years the meat trust has grown into the food trust. Now the question is, what sort of an all comprehensive trust will it be in ten years more, if let alone?

Selling Cost One Cent.
The selling cost on a barrel of fuel oil is estimated at one cent. All the rest that the company gets above the cost of production is profit.

Back President Both Ways.
The support of the administration in the war by the organized farmers is expressed both in words and in deeds.

Backbone of Democracy.
The backbone of any successful democracy is a free, independent and contented farming population.

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS

Two captured British airmen, according to the Berlin Tageszeitung, have been sentenced by a German Court-martial to ten years imprisonment for dropping a hostile proclamation in Germany. In the connection it is reported that Germany has given warning through Switzerland that any American Airmen captured while dropping propaganda behind the German lines will be shot as spies.

A new type of anti-submarine craft which might be termed a destroyer-chaser, promises to do for the navy what the "Liberty" plane has done for the aviation corps. Though all data is strictly confidential, it is known that these vessels will be in size between the present destroyer and the submarine chaser, with the sea worthiness and cruising radius of the former and the speed of construction of the latter. They will have a length of about 200 ft; will mount two powerful guns; will attain a speed as great as, if not greater than that of the latest destroyer; and will be fully equipped with all modern destroyer devices, including the depth charge and the non-ricochet shell, another weighty advantage is the fact, that being of the "flush-deck" type, that is without a fore castle, they lie low in the water and have a correspondingly low visibility. Work on these boats are beginning at once.

British casualties reported during January total 73,017, divided as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 358; men 13,698. Wounded or missing—Officers, 1,205; men 57,758. There is a decrease from the number of casualties of the preceding two months. The total during November and December being 125,989 and 79,527 respectively.

Many military critics in England and France expect the Balkans to be the scene of the next German offensive. Their main argument in support of their beliefs is that Germany will endeavor to clear up the secondary theatres of war in order that she may concentrate her total available force on the western front.

There are several factors which make the Balkan drive desirable for the central powers at this time. The withdrawal of the Russian and, consequently, the Roumanian pressure on the Bulgarian eastern frontiers allows a surplus of troops for such an offensive. Opposing the Austrians are the Grecian, French and British forces, and the remnants of the Serbian Army, but here again have the Central Powers the advantage of greater mobility of troops, the Allies having the Mediterranean between them selves and their base.

A drive in this quarter would offset the British successes in Palestine and Mesopotamia, giving the Turks a stimulus that they have long lacked.

Also the overrunning of Greece, besides enlarging the German food area for production, would, with the capture of Saloniki, give the Germans another Mediterranean submarine base from which to harass the Allied line of supplies to Italy and Egypt.

In view of these facts, it appears that a drive toward Saloniki, and on the adjacent fronts would at this time be of great strategical importance to the Central Powers whether or not such an offensive will be attempted remains to be seen, but in any event, if the line holds or fails, the opinion of military critics is that the final decision of the war will rest on the Franco-Belgian frontiers.

Germany wants peace today for these reasons; she controls conquered territory in Belgium of 6,500,000 people; in northern France, 4,000,000; in Poland, Lithuania, and Courland, 18,000,000; in Serbia and Montenegro, 5,000,000; in Romania, 5,000,000; or a total of 40,500,000 people. The Central Powers have a population of 146,500,000 people divided as follows: Germany, 68,000,000; Austria-Hungary, 52,000,000; Bulgaria, 5,500,000; Turkey, 21,000,000. This added to the conquered territory gives Germany control over 187,000,000 people. No wonder Germany would like to have peace, a peace that would give her control of Europe and making it a matter of but a few years before she recovered enough to finish the conquest of Europe. We want no peace until the safety of the world is assured against such barbarism as has taken place in the prosecution of the present war by Germany. This safety can not be sure until Germany is driven to the last border-land and made to give up every thing she has gained; pay indemnity to Belgium; pay for the ships sunk; renounce the monarchical form of government, where practically one man dictates the law.

You still hear the remark, "this is the richmans war" a more bigoted remark than this can hardly be imagined. In the first place, ever since the out-break of the war rich mens sons have been the most ready to answer the call to arms. By the selective draft system the rich mans son is rarely exempted as he has no claim for exemption, there may be some unpatriotic person conceal the truth and get exempted or a little graft in some exemption boards. This condition is met by severe penalties imposed on the offenders if discovered. All rich

and poor alike, are fighting for a common cause which sums up into the liberty of the individual. A more democratic place can not be found than our own army.

How to Grow Potatoes.
Following are the Woodcraft Potato club's instructions for growing potatoes, approved by H. W. Collinwood, president and editor of the Rural New Yorker and associated with J. J. Dillon, food commissioner of the state of New York:

Potatoes need plenty of sunshine. The potato is a starch making factory, and only sunshine produces starch. Potato soil must be well drained, but should keep plenty of moisture. Loamy and even sandy soil are best. The soil should be thoroughly prepared—that is, dug up, turned over loosened, made as fine as possible. Fertilizer.—Success will be surer and greater if the ground is fertilized be-



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fore planting. If manure is used work it into the full depth of the dug-up soil. Manure may cause scabs on the potatoes. It would be better to obtain a ready mixed potato fertilizer at your local seed store. It is inexpensive.

Spraying.—Potato plants must be protected against insects, blight, etc. This is done by spraying. When spraying coat the whole plant, underside of leaves, etc. Mixing your own spraying material may be inconvenient and uncertain. Bordeaux mixture is much used. It can be bought prepared at your local seed store. There are several good mixtures, ready for use, with directions on the package.

Spray once when plants appear above ground. About twice during rest of season should be sufficient. Watch your plants regularly and protect them. Spray more frequently if necessary. It is sometimes a good idea to pick the bugs from the plants. Put them in a can, soak with kerosene oil and burn them.

Potatoes are not grown from seeds, but from "sprouts" from the eyes of "seed" potatoes. To make this clear: From a previous crop some potatoes

Adult Help is Needed.

Although all the plans have been formulated with the express purpose of arousing and retaining the interest of girls and boys in farming, it will be apparent that adult leadership is needed to direct the efforts of the energetic young farmer-fighters—famine fighters—into right channels and keep rivalry from becoming the parent of envy, jealousy and the rest of the ill omened progeny, for, while competition is the secret to arousing the lad and his young sister and of making



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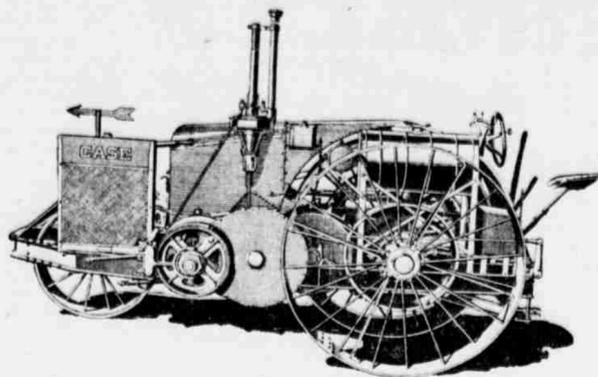
them "see the thing through," fairness and help your neighbor and good sport losing are needed, and the youthful mind does not always draw the line close in rivalry, though it responds readily to fair play suggestion.

Adult help in organizing clubs is needed also. Likewise the children will need help in their work, for they are but embryo farmers and must learn methods. For this reason existing organizations are looked to for leaders in the movement. Among the societies which have the material for leaders are civic and suburban associations, church clubs, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian associations, Young Men's and Young Women's Hebrew associations, teachers and ministerial groups and the like. Existing groups of boys or girls may be organized into Woodcraft potato clubs without disturbing the existing organization. It is possible for school and Sunday school classes to do this, Woodcraft boys and girls' clubs, settlement and church clubs, playground groups, campfire girls and boy scouts, as well as children of the streets or of the village homes. Indeed, already all of these forces have been enlisted, and clubs are in existence or are forming at the present time.

His Best Wishes.

Billy, after hearing the relatives and friends offer their congratulations, stood admiringly before the bride and bridegroom as if about to say something. The bride (his sister) smiled sweetly at Billy, who braced up and said: "You look nice, sis, and I hope you'll stay married."

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